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8. (Amended) The recording apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the separating and holding means is provided corresponding to at least the number of colors of the transfer sheet to be used and holds the transfer sheet for each of the colors.

9. (Amended) The recording apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the separating and holding means is a separating roller for holding the transfer sheet on a peripheral surface of a cylinder.

11. (Amended) The recording apparatus according to claim 9, wherein a driving source for controlling a rotating angle of the separating roller is connected to the separating roller.

12. (Amended) The recording apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising an axial direction moving position detecting section for detecting a position in an axial direction of the separating roller.

13. (Amended) The recording apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising an axial direction movement driving section for controlling a movement of the separating roller in the axial direction of the separating roller.

20. (Amended) The recording method according to claim 15, wherein when the unrecorded section of the transfer sheet obtained after the recording operation is narrower than a region of the stripe shape to be recorded, the transfer sheet is discharged.

23. (Amended) The recording apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the separating and holding means is a separating roller

for holding the transfer sheet on a peripheral surface of a cylinder.

25. (Amended) The recording apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the separating roller connects a driving source for controlling a rotating angle.

26. (Amended) The recording apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the separating roller includes an axial direction position detecting section for detecting a position in an axial direction of the separating roller.